President.—The Registrar of Panchayats says that another place is provided with all the facilities. The matter is under contemplation. So there is no urgent necessity for the motion.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Next time Government will say that the road will be completely closed. That is the urgency in the matter. I can go only by the correspondence here.

President.—The matter may be brought before the House in another form when an allotment is moved.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Sir, suppose the allotment is made from the Devaswam department. It would not come before the Council.

President.—I cannot admit it under the rules because there is no urgency in the matter.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I have no objection to withdraw the motion. My idea was only to bring this matter to the notice of the Government.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I rise to move that the Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation amendment bill be taken up and passed.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I beg to second it.

Motion put and carried.

Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I beg to move that the Cochin Municipal Regulation amendment bill be taken up and passed.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Amendments to Standing Orders (*consideration of.*)

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Sir, I beg to present the Select Committee Report on the amendments to Standing Orders 9 and 23. In submitting this report I beg to state that one of the amendments has been unanimously accepted by the Committee and the second amendment has not been accepted and therefore I do not press the second one but I press only the first.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—There is no objection for taking the amendment to S. O. 9.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I move that the amendment as reported by the Select Committee be taken up for consideration.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—I second it.

The following amendment was put and carried.

Aad the following to Standing Order No. 9 "and the President may, if required, extend the time for the asking and answering of questions".

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I beg to move that the Standing Order No. 9 now considered by the Council passed be taken up and passed to-morrow.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Amendment to Standing Orders (*Motion for leave*).

Mr. K.T. Mathew.—Sir, I beg to move for leave to amend Standing Order 31 (1) which at present runs as follows:—

"At any time after a Bill has been published in the Gazette or after leave to introduce has been given the Member in charge of the Bill may introduce it."

What I just now propose is to add the following:—

"But any Member may object to its introduction, if a copy of the bill has not been available for the use of Members for 7 days and such objection shall prevail unless the President in the exercise of his power to suspend the Standing Order allows its introduction."

It has more or less become a common practice with the Government Members to spring upon us some measure which the Government could have published earlier. But without doing it, a couple of days before the Council meeting, the Government publish the bills in the Gazette and give notice of them to the Council Members. We do not get sufficient time to study the bills. Even in this meeting such a thing has happened and all the members will remember that in the last meeting also the Government brought a bill without giving us sufficient time. The object of this amendment is to give us sufficient time to study the bills before introducing them into this Council. The Deputy President who presided on those two occasions found it absolutely impossible to disallow such motions, since the rules were not sufficiently explanatory and it is only to strengthen the hands of the President or Deputy President, whoever that may preside that this amendment is introduced. If the President thinks that it is an urgent motion and it is a measure which cannot be postponed, it is of course left to him to allow such a motion. So the Government have only to convince the President that it is an urgent measure.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—I beg to support the motion and in doing so I beg to recall the incident of yesterday. This amendment relates only to Government bills and Government bills are published in the Government Gazette with the sanction of the Diwan. In regard to the three bills moved yesterday—the Cochin Press and Registration of Books Regulation Amendment Bill, the Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Bill and the Cochin Penal Code Amendment Bill—these 3 Bills were published in the issue of the Gazette of last

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Saturday and they were introduced here yesterday. Of course, non-official members did not foresee that any such bills would be published in the Cochin Government Gazette under the orders of the Diwan. It is only very fair, that previous intimation should be given to non-official members and 7 days' time is certainly very reasonable. In exceptional cases the President may exercise his discretion. With these words I support the motion.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—On a point of order, Sir, 'When the motion is reached and the amendment having been explained by the Member introducing it the President shall read the draft amendment and ask whether the Member has the leave of the Council'. That is Standing Order 64 (2).

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I think the Government have no objection. There is some objection in the language of the amendment That may be considered later on

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Should we send it to a Select Committee?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—There is no necessity for a Select Committee. This is a simple matter.

Motion put and carried.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—May I know, Sir, whether this amendment to the Standing Order has been communicated to the Members ?

Mr. C J. Mathew.—It has been published and copies distributed among the Members.

Prevention of Dangerous Diseases Bill.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I beg to submit the Select Committee report on the Prevention of Dangerous Diseases Bill. In submitting this report I may state that the Committee has found it not necessary to proceed with the bill, but it has resolved that in view of the fact that the Government have issued rules under the Municipal Regulation and also in view of the fact that these rules will be extended in the more important villages of the State, this can be dropped. So, the Council has only to approve the report of the Select Committee.

President.—There is nothing more to be done.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The report has to be submitted to the Council. There is nothing to be considered. We have to leave it here.

President.—You have not to make any motion.

Resolutions :—(2) Pubic Service Commission—institution of.

Mr. P. C. Varkey.—Sir, I cannot better commend this resolution for the acceptance of this Hon'ble House, than by

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